

HOUSE BILL 848

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58,  
Chapter 1, relative to the Tennessee state guard.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 1, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

58-1-412.

The governor is authorized and empowered to call members of the state guard to active state duty with the member's consent, for the performance of any official duty in connection with state guard activities. Compensation shall be in accordance with § 58-1-411. This may include voluntary unpaid state service for assistance to local authorities during times of disaster, or other times of crisis, when requested from the adjutant general by city, county or metropolitan local authorities.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-1-106(b), is amended by deleting the language "prescribed by § 58-1-109." and by substituting instead the language "prescribed by § 58-1-109 for the national guard and § 58-1-411 for the Tennessee state guard."

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-1-106(c), is amended by deleting the language "in § 58-1-109," and by substituting instead the language "in § 58-1-109 for the national guard and § 58-1-411 for the Tennessee state guard,".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-1-106(c), is amended by adding the following language as the fourth and final sentence of the subsection:

Assistance authorized by, and requested from, competent authority provided only by the Tennessee state guard at the request of a city, county, or other local authority pursuant to this section as voluntary aid or assistance as defined in § 58-1-102, or by

volunteers without compensation, shall not require the county or city to reimburse the military department.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-1-102, is amended by deleting subdivision (18) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following new subdivision

(18) "Voluntary aid or assistance" means actions taken by individual units of the national guard or the Tennessee state guard, within guidelines provided by the governor, to provide local communities with assistance during times of crisis not otherwise declared by the governor or president of the United States as a disaster or emergency.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.